



**CITY OF GREENSBORO
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CITY CLEANS UP AT NATIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY

GREENSBORO, NC (May 10, 2003) – Greensboro was one of only three cities recently honored for making a significant, long-term contribution to advance the use of alternative fuels in cars and trucks. The City of Greensboro brought home the National Partner Award for Excellence in Advancing Biodiesel from the Department of Energy (DOE) in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida earlier this month. As part of this honor, the City of Greensboro was inducted into the Clean Cities Hall of Fame at the 10th National Clean Cities Conference on May 2, 2004.

The City of Greensboro began using biodiesel, a biodegradable fuel, in the fall of 2002. This type of fuel reduces the emission of serious air pollutants such as soot, particulates, carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, and air toxins. To date, nearly 2,000,000 gallons of the fuel has been used by the City. Along with the use of biodiesel, the City uses two hybrid vehicles, participates in a clean air consortium, and continually develops tree and shrub planting initiatives in order to combat the effects of pollution.

The Clean Cities Program, sponsored by the U.S. DOE, supports public-private partnerships that deploy alternative fuel vehicles (AFV) and build supporting infrastructure. By encouraging AFV use, the Clean Cities Program supports President Bush's National Energy Policy call to ensure energy security and improve environmental quality at both the national and local levels. This award demonstrates Greensboro's commitment to cleaning up the environment by following national guidelines. More information is available on the National Partner Award by visiting the U.S. DOE's website at www.energy.gov.

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